

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1. (Currently Amended)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds, which contains, as basic ingredients, more than 5% by weight of water-soluble indigestible polysaccharides as exploited by intestinal bacteria in terms of dried foodstuff and has restricted addition of protein components.

**2. (Currently Amended)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to Claim 1, wherein said food-~~which~~ contains more than 5% by weight of indigestible polysaccharides in terms of dried foodstuff and protein components restricted to 8% or less by weight.

**3. (Original)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said indigestible polysaccharides are one kind selected from pectine, polydextrose, alginic acid, fucoidan, chitin, chitosan, testa-derived hemicellulose, acacia gum, arum root-derived mannan, agar, and sugar alcohol and polymers of sugar alcohol.

**4. (Original)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 2, wherein said indigestible polysaccharides contains at least polydextrose and pectine with a ratio of 0.05 to 100 parts by weight of pectine to 100 parts of polydextrose.

**5. (Original)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to any of claims 1, 2 and 4, further containing at least one of trace metal, vitamin and fat.

**6. (Original)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 3, further containing at least one of trace metal, vitamin and fat.

**7. (Original)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to any of claims 1, 2 and 4, which food is formed in beverage, biscuit, cookie, cake, ice cream, sherbet, bread, noodle or jelly.

**8. (Original)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 3, which food is formed in beverage, biscuit, cookie, cake, ice cream, sherbet, bread, noodle or jelly.

**9. (Original)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 5, which food is formed in beverage, biscuit, cookie, cake, ice cream, sherbet, bread, noodle or jelly.

**10. (Original)** Pathological improvement food for lowering blood concentration of low-molecular-weight nitrogen-containing compounds according to claim 6, which food is formed in beverage, biscuit, cookie, cake, ice cream, sherbet, bread, noodle or jelly.